

REMARKS

The finality of the restriction requirement is noted. Applicant has cancelled non-elected Claims 26-32 without prejudice, but reserves the right to rejoin said claims, if appropriate, or to pursue such claims in a divisional application.

Claims 20 and 21 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's § 112 rejection. Support for this amendment can be found in the PCT application at page 8, lines 12-19, wherein the specification states that in certain contexts the terms "cuff" and "cup" are equivalent.

The indication of allowable subject matter is noted with thanks. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 24, rendering the art rejections moot. Independent claim 1, as amended, is allowable over the prior art for at least the reasons indicated by the Examiner. It follows that Claims 2-21 are also allowable as dependent upon an allowable independent claim, as well as for their own limitations.

Claims 22-23 have been cancelled in view of the amendments made in independent Claim 1.

New Claims 34-54 have been added to further scope the invention. New independent Claim 34 includes many features in common with Claim 1. New dependent Claims 35-54 are based on dependent claims 2-21, and are allowable over the art or similar reasons as Claims 1-21.

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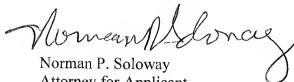
Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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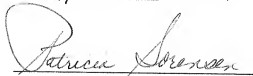
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